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Chronology of Events - A Chem Site, Chicago, Illinois

- 1/26/86 ° Received request from Chicago Fire Department at 4:00 P.M. for Federal assistance.
- ° Mr. Wu made visual inspection of site during evening of January 26, 1986, and confirmed that problem existed.
- ° Verbal authorization obtained from Regional Administrator to expend up to 17,000.
- ° OSC Browning and Contractor arrived on-site at midnight and secured site.
- 1/27/86 ° Building secured by board-up service.
- 1/28/86 ° OSC verified all cyanides removed from site.
- 1/29/86 ° Frozen contaminated firefighting water removed from neighboring streets, alley and yards.
- 2/1/86
- 1/29/86 ° Meeting held at U.S. EPA, Region V Headquarters between facility operator, City of Chicago, and U.S. EPA staff to discuss clean-up of site by operator.
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- 6/4/86 ° Mr. Wu notified by Chicago Fire Department of second fire at site.
- 6/5/86 ° Inspection revealed seepage from site.
- 6/6/86 ° OSC built dam to stop seepage.
- 6/9/86 ° Owner ordered to clean-up site and refused.
- 6/10/86 ° OSC initiated removal of all chemicals from fire damaged site.
- 6/10/86 ° OSC contacted Mr. Burke of Alderman Gutierrez's office.
- ° Alderman's staff provided signs in Spanish to warn residents of hazards within site.
- 6/11/86 ° All chemicals secured on-site by overpacking and relocating in sound portion of building.
- ° Site Security around the clock by Wells Fargo Security Service.
- 6/26/86 ° U.S. EPA, Region V attends public meeting.
- 7/2/86 ° First 80 drums including all acids removed from site.
- 7/7/86 ° Decontamination of debris initiated.